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**Reverend Dr John P Brown,
National Sorry Day Committee papers**

1998-2005

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COLLECTION SUMMARY

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Scope and contents note

This collection is from John Brown's working files while he was the National Sorry Day Committee Co-Chair. It includes printouts of emails, press releases, handwritten notes, photocopies and holographs.

Files and their contents are organised for the most part in reverse chronological order. For example, the first part of Item MS 5089/1/1 contains documents from March-20 May 1998, the first document at the front of the folder is dated 20 May; the last document is from March. Not all documents are dated however; undated documents have been kept with dated documents, in the original order in which they were deposited. A file will contain correspondence, meeting notes and minutes, finance reports, pamphlets, flyers, brochures, artwork, poetry, orders of service, event running orders. These items will be in date order (forward or reverse), rather than according to subject (e.g., Sorry Day activities) or activity (e.g., minutes and meeting notes).

Provenance

The collection was donated to the AIATSIS Collection by Reverend Brown on 15 June 2016.

Material separated from the collection

No material has been separated from this collection.

Related material

For a complete list of works about National Sorry Day, held in the Collection and for other related material consult [Mura®](#), the AIATSIS catalogue.

The National Library of Australia holds the papers of Sir Ronald Wilson NLA reference: Papers of Sir Ronald Wilson, circa 1970-2003 [manuscript], MS Acc06.170 & MS Acc06.199.

The National Library also conducted the [Bringing Them Home oral history project](#), which is available onsite; some recordings are also available online.

For National Sorry Day material held in other libraries around Australia, search Trove, www.trove.nla.gov.au

Archivist's note

Reverend Brown printed out a lot of the documents in this collection using second hand paper; the National Sorry Day Committee documents are found on the recto sides of the pages. However, a few documents do have National Sorry Day Committee content on both the recto and verso of the page.

Abbreviations and acronyms used in this finding aid:

ACCA Aboriginal Child Care Association

ALGA	Australian Local Government Association
ATSIC	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission
CAA	Community Aid Abroad
CAR	Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation
CASG&FAC	Central Australian Stolen Generations and Families Aboriginal Corporation
HREOC	Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
MCATSIA	Ministerial Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
NCCA	National Council of Churches in Australia
NLA	National Library of Australia
NSD	National Sorry Day
NSDC	National Sorry Day Committee
PIAC	Public Interest Advocacy Centre
UCA	Uniting Church of Australia

The documents in each item are described according to a number of categories: activities and subjects (outlining the work of the committee, issues and topics of discussion, and /or the work or publications of other groups, either local national or international); people (correspondents or individuals mentioned in correspondence who are *not* part of the committee or regular correspondents); organisations (correspondent organisations or organisations whose work is the subject of discussion in the NSDC); newsletters, pamphlets, flyers and publications, and clippings from newspapers.

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BIOGRAPHICAL and ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

During 1995-1996, Ronald Wilson, President of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, and Mick Dodson, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, conducted the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families. *Bringing them home: Report of the National Enquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families*, released in 1997, included the following recommendations:

Acknowledgement and apology – Churches and others

6. That churches and other non-government agencies which played a role in the administration of the laws and policies under which Indigenous children were forcibly removed acknowledge that role and in consultation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission make such formal apologies and participate in such commemorations as may be determined.

Commemoration

7a. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, in consultation with the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, arrange for a national 'Sorry Day' to be celebrated each year to commemorate the history of forcible removals and its effects. (*Report*, p.652)

Reverend Doctor John P Brown was working for the Uniting Church Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress when the Report was released. His work, promoting reconciliation, entailed travelling around Australia to facilitate dialogue between parishes and their local Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander communities. There were two themes in the many conversations he had with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people during his travels: massacres of Aboriginal people during colonial times; and the loss of the Stolen Generations. Immediately upon the release of *Bringing them home*, Reverend Brown expressed his willingness to be involved in establishing a citizens' committee of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people to respond to Recommendations 6 and 7a.

Late in 1997, Sir Ronald Wilson called a meeting to establish such a group, the National Sorry Day committee. Most of the members of the committee were present at that initial meeting, in Sydney, e.g. Carol Kendall, Audrey Ngingali Kinnear, Reverend Brown, John Bond, Trish Crowcher, Elise Funnell. Ms Carol Kendall was the first Aboriginal co-chair. The first white Australian co-chair was unable to serve for long and Reverend Brown took the position in 1998. Audrey Ngingali Kinnear took Carol Kendall's place after Ms Kendall resigned in 2001.

Reverend Brown describes the work of the committee as having a dual focus: healing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and education and awareness for white Australians. He says that the committee worked "to help Aboriginal people receive into their inner beings the apologies made by white Australians, and begin to heal." A 'Journey of Healing' ceremony at Uluru in 1999 underscored what the movement could do for Aboriginal people; Reverend Brown remembers Aboriginal people dancing at this event. For non-Aboriginal people, the work of the committee entailed building awareness of what had happened to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and enabling the expression of apologies and regret.

Organising National Sorry Day and Journey of Healing activities are themes throughout this collection. From 1999, the Sorry Day events were called 'Journey of healing'. States and Territories increasingly organized their own events but the National Sorry Day Committee coordinated and was involved in state events too. For example, Reverend Brown and John Bond were also members of the ACT Journey of Healing group. Over the life of this collection, the committee was increasingly involved in advocating for the implementation of all 57 Recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report and a formal apology from the Prime Minister and the Parliament of Australia. Working with churches which had run institutions for the Stolen Generations to acknowledge harm done during institutional care, was also a key activity.

Committee members were drawn from organisations across the country, particularly from Link-Up organisations. There were core members, many of whom were there from the beginning, but address lists at the top of emails give an indication of the many other people involved.

Professor Evelyn Scott, Sir Gustav Nossal, Lowitja O'Donoghue, Malcolm Fraser, and Doris Pilkington were patrons of the committee.

- This section was compiled in collaboration with Reverend Brown.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series 1 Reverend Brown's National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) papers

For storage purposes some of the items in this series have been divided into parts; items artificially divided like this are described as a whole. For example, item MS 5089/1/1 has two parts; the activities and people or organisations in the item description are present in both parts. Item documents are generally in reverse chronological order. Not all documents are dated; these are interfiled with dated documents, in their original order.

Items

- MS 5089/1/1 Pts 1&2 National Sorry Day Committee papers 1998
- Part 1: Mar-20 May
- Part 2: 21 May-Dec
- Activities and subjects: meeting notes and minutes, national and ACT Sorry Day planning, finance, event invitations, course outlines, draft Sorry Day flyers, Sorry Books, event sponsorship
 - 1998 Sorry Day Activities: Telling the Stories Breakfast, the Sorry Day books, Commit to Healing, Honour the Grief, 'Looking Forward Together' inter-faith service, Bringing Them Home video screening, educational packages, Coming Home Festival at the National Library of Australia, Walking the Stories guided walk
 - People: Francis P Carroll (Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn), Senator John Herron (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), David Hunter, Kate Carnell, MLA (Chief Minister, ACT Legislative Assembly) the Hon Senator Margaret Reid (President of the Senate), Darryl Melham (Opposition Spokesperson on Indigenous Affairs), Senator John Woodley (Democrat Spokesperson on Indigenous Affairs), Senator Meg Lees (Leader of the Democrats), Sir William Deane (Governor General of Australia), Bob Randall, Dorothea Randall, Sharman Stone MHR, Ellie Gilbert, Matilda House, Agnes Shea, Don Bell, Mick Dodson, the Hon John Howard (Prime Minister of Australia), Kim Beasley MHR (Leader of the Opposition), Paul House, Frank McKone, Leah Purcell, Evelyn Scott, Rev Dr Thorwald Lorenzen
 - Organisations: Canberra Sorry Day Network, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC), Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, ACT Churches Council, ACT

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Council of Social Services (ACTCOSS), Australian Federal Police, Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR), Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), Australian National University; Canberra Baptist Church, Canberra Rape Crisis Centre, Community Aid Abroad (CAA), Holt Primary School, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC), North Ainslie Primary School, Uniting Church of Australia (UCA) National Assembly, UCA National Covenant, Parish of St Paul Manuka,

- Newsletters, pamphlets and publications:
 - 'Coming Home' event flyer
 - Sorry Day Service, St Philip's Anglican Church O'Connor
- Clippings from *Canberra Times*, *The Weekend Australian*, *Washington Times*, *New York Times*

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Stolen Generation documents 1998

- Activities and subjects: Bringing Them Home Family Reunion Initiative; Native Title Amendment Bill 1997; Week of Prayer May 27-June 3, Memorial to the Stolen Generations; Reconciliation
- Correspondents/people: Mark Young, Margaret Reynolds
- Organisations: Department of Aboriginal Affairs, National Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation
- Newsletters, flyers, pamphlets: Healing Walk brochure; North Ainslie Primary School pupils' Sorry Day artwork; faxes; correspondence, pamphlets

MS 5089/1/3

Reconciliation Committee for the Australian Capital Region 1998-1999

- Activities and subjects: ACT Native Title Amendment Bill 1999, Sea of Hands, Journey of Healing 1999 planning, draft Journey of Healing statements, ATSIC funding, correspondence, Council for Reconciliation Strategic Planning
- People: Ian Spicer AM
- Organisations: ACT Legislative Assembly, Bringing Them Home Network (Formerly Sorry Day Network of the ACT), Australians for Reconciliation, (Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation) ATSIC

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National Sorry Day Committee papers 1999

Part 1: Nov 98-Mar 99

Part 2: May-Nov 99

- Activities and subjects: Journey of Healing Uluru 1999, Journey of Healing 2000, Incorporation, Myall Creek Memorial, Sorry Day Committee Conference Sep 1999 Sydney, SBS Sorry Day documentary, Indigenous People's Reparations Tribunal, New South Wales Stolen Generations Memorial Foundation, implementation of the Bringing Them Home report recommendations
- People: Helen Moran, Johnny Huckle, Lowitja O'Donoghue, Fiona McIlroy, Richard Court MLA (Premier of Western Australia), Rt Hon Malcolm Fraser, Sir Gustav Nossal
- Organisations: Myall Creek Memorial Planning Group, ALGA, UCA Tumberumba Parish, CAA, ACT Churches Council, World Vision, Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC), Australian Medical Association, Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (CAR), Multitjulu [sic] Community Council
- Clipping from *Sydney Morning Herald*

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Documents from the Journey of Healing 1999

- Activities and subjects: Bringing Them Home Day 2000, NSDC Co-Chair (replacing Carol Kendall), NSDC employment of a secretary and project co-ordinator for West Australian Sorry Day Committee, Ministerial Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (MCATSI), meeting notes and minutes, committee correspondence, Hansard pp 7046-7072 draft 'Motion of Reconciliation', 'Are We Bringing Them Home?' draft, Carol Kendall's resignation from NSDC, draft and final Journey of Healing speeches, draft and final Sorry Day press releases, National Library of Australia Bringing them home oral history project, Bringing Inloo Illych Home
- People: Sir Douglas Graham, Minister for Treaty negotiations New Zealand, Sir Gustav Nossal, John Howard, Robert Sturman, [Catholic] Bishop Ruiz
- Organisations: MCATSI, ANTaR, UCA Synod of Western Australia, UCA National Assembly
- Clippings from *Koori Mail*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Age*, *The Weekend Australian*

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ACT Journey of Healing 2000-2002

- Activities and subjects: Correspondence, meeting minutes, Journey of Healing 2002, strategy planning for 1999/2000, objects of the Journey of Healing (ACT) Inc, Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee Inquiry into the Stolen Generation, ATSIC funding
- People: Peter Nelson, Shobha Joseph, Lois Knight, Thorwald Lorenzen, Agnes Shea

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- Photocopy from *Canberra Times*

National Sorry Day Committee papers 2000

Part 1: Jan-Mar

Part 2: Apr-Oct

- Activities and subjects: (Canberra) Journey of Healing Network, Myall Creek Memorial, Sorry Day statement drafts, press conference statements, implementing the recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report, minutes and meeting notes, budgets, stipend for the NSDC Secretary, committee correspondence, UCA Aboriginal and Islander Commission questionnaire for churches, *Gunner and Cubillo v Commonwealth* litigation, NSDC incorporation, NSDC Sydney conference, Journey of Healing planning, Harbour Bridge Walk for Reconciliation, Corroboree 2000, UCA 2000 Congregation Consultation, Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee Inquiry into The Stolen Generations government submission and NSDC submission, mandatory sentencing in the ACT, reconciliation, National Library of Australia (NLA) Bringing Them Home Oral history project, Agenda For Reconciliation workshop, National Stolen Generation Advocacy Network, Journey of Healing patrons, NSDC name change
- People: Bill Hayden (former governor-General), Senator Trish Crossin, Kate Lynch, Lorna Cubillo, Peter Gunner, Hon John Anderson (Deputy Prime Minister), Dr Evelyn Scott, Mick Dodson, Geoff Clark, Sir William Deane, John Howard (Prime Minister of Australia), Dr Peter Read, Ingrid Gubbay
- Organisations: Aboriginal and Islander Commission UCA, Link-Up, ACT Churches Council, UCA NSW Synod, CAR, Legal Aid New South Wales, South Australian Journey of Healing Network, Ministerial Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (MCATSIA)
- Pamphlets and publications:
 - 'The Stolen Generations; An account of the historical events leading to the recognition of the Stolen Generations in Australian History' compiled by Senator Trish Crossin [photocopy]
 - 'My life as a stolen child', by Valerie Wenberg
 - Agenda for Reconciliation (1999), *Dialogues towards justice and reconciliation*
 - PIAC, *Stolen Generations Project*
 - 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Stolen Generation Case', *Senate Hansard* extract, pp. 10493-10499

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- 'Walking the Stories Places of Sorrow, Places of Healing', ACT Sorry Day Network (1998)
- *Report To MCATSIA On Coordination Issues & Proposed Processes For Regular Reporting & Monitoring*
- Clippings from *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Australian*, *Canberra Times*, *The Daily Telegraph*

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National Sorry Day Committee papers 2000-2001

- Activities and subjects: committee correspondence, minutes and meeting notes, May Macleod Lecture 2000, Journey of Healing 2000 planning, NSDC oral and written submissions to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee Inquiry into The Stolen Generations, Back to Yass Reunion, alternatives to legal redress for Stolen Generations, Stolen Generations Reparation Tribunal consultation project, 'moving forward; achieving reparations for the stolen generations' conference 2001, NSDC patrons, church participation in reconciliation, Rev Brown's New South Wales Ecumenical Council Reconciliation Conference address, Journey of Healing 2001 planning
- People: Rev Gregor Henderson, Senator Margaret Reid, Bob McMullan MP (Shadow Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Reconciliation, The Arts, Opposition Business), Geoff Clark, Brendan Nelson, Douglas Meagher
- Organisations: PIAC, New South Wales Ecumenical Council, UCA National Assembly, ANTaR Victoria (Incorporating Defenders of Native Title), Link-Up (NSW) Aboriginal Corporation, ATSIC, Uniting Care Australia
- Newsletters, pamphlets and publications:
 - PIAC (2001), 'moving forward; achieving reparations for the stolen generations' Interim Report, PIAC
 - *PIAC Bulletin*, no 11 Jun 2000
 - 'The Stolen Generations; An account of the historical events leading to the recognition of the Stolen Generations in Australian History' compiled by Senator Trish Crossin [original]
 - Douglas Meagher (2000), 'Not Guilty' *Quadrant* Nov 2000, pp. 26-34 (photocopy)
 - David Bennett (2000), 'The Cubillo and Gunner cases', *Quadrant*, Nov 2000, pp. 35-41
- Clippings from *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Age*

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National Sorry Day Committee papers 2000-2001

Part 1: Jul-Aug 2000

Part 2: Aug 2000-May 2001

- Journey of Healing 2001 planning, NSDC incorporation, committee correspondence, meeting minutes and notes, Maralinga-Koonibba Mission Reunion, regional Linkup organisations, ecumenical responses to the *Bringing Them Home* report, Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee Inquiry into The Stolen Generations transcript of evidence, NSDC conference 2000, registry of church agencies involved with Stolen Generation children, Stolen Generations documentary proposal, Harbour Bridge Walk for Reconciliation, liaison with Link-Ups and ACCA, letter to the editor, NSDC Secretarial stipend, Link up contacts, PIAC submission to the Senate Inquiry into the Stolen Generation, Audrey Ngingali Kinnear's story, Reconciliation Reflection Gathering.
- People: Jackie Huggins, Bob McMullan MP, Matilda House, Agnes Shea, Cecil Dickson, Geoff Clark, Ricki Dargavel, Hon Daryl Williams (Attorney-General, Minister for Justice Commonwealth of Australia), Professor James Haire
- Organisations: ACT Churches Council, Australian Catholic Social Welfare Commission, National Assembly of the UCA, UnitingCare Australia, ACCA, Norwood Community Legal Service, Regenesys, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (Melbourne), Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
- Locations of Sorry Day committees and activities: Sydney, Redfern, Dubbo, Narrabeen, Canberra, Melbourne, Castlemaine, Ballarat, Brisbane, Rockhampton, Gold Coast, Hobart, Adelaide, Perth, Darwin, Port Augusta
- Pamphlets and publications:
 - Invitation to 'Indigenous Peoples and Racism' Conference of Indigenous Peoples of Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States
 - 'White on Black; In the spirit of reconciliation'; concert program National Folk Festival Canberra 2000
 - *For A Change*, Vol 13, no 2 Apr/May 2000
 - *The Auburn Report on church and society*, Vol 12 no 3, Jun 2000 [Uniting Church of Australia]
- Clippings (including photocopies) from *Canberra Times*, *Sydney Morning Herald*

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National Sorry Day Committee 2001

Part 1: Jan-Feb

Part 2: May

Part 3: Aug-Dec

- Activities and subjects: Meeting notes and minutes, finances and donations, committee correspondence, Canberra Journey of Healing Network, Lowitja O'Donoghue and Andrew Bolt, stolen children, Carol Kendall's resignation from NSDC, Carol Kendall's nomination for an Order of Australia award, Journey of Healing 2001 'Back to community' program, Caloola Farm, Ngunnawal Indigenous Healing Centre, press conference speaking notes, Canberra Journey of Healing Network incorporation, state NSDC contacts, Myall Creek Memorial, Audrey Ngingali Kinnear's Senatorial election campaign, New South Wales Ecumenical Council Reconciliation Conference, NSDC conference in Sydney, 'moving forward: reparations for the Stolen Generations' conference, 'moving forward' conference program recommendations delegates and report, 'Sorry' documentary, repatriation programs, Stolen Generations Reparations Tribunal, Back to Yass Reunion for Aboriginal families, Justice for Joshua Fund, Korean Presbytery UCA, Journey of Healing 2002 planning, World Trade Center bombing, Stolen Generations Link-Up conference, Memorial in Reconciliation Place Canberra, Youth Healing Camps, NT government apology to Stolen Generations, NLA Bringing Them Home oral history project
- People: Amanda Cornwall, Ricki Dargavel, Hazel Ryan, Jason Field, David Hollinsworth, Devra Chandler, Melissa Brickell, Judi Wickes, Morgan Morris, Agnes Shea, Dawn Casey, Len Barratt, Daryl Melham, Judi Wickes, Rosie Baird, Deb Chandler, Paul Teerman, Chris Gallus MP (Parliamentary Secretary for Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs), Amy Atkins, Bryan Andy, Brian Butler (ATSIC Commissioner), Dan Davies, Rosalie Fraser, Derbarl Yerrigan, Wadjularbinna, Ian Spicer, Malcolm Fraser, Philip Ruddock MP (Minister for Immigration, Multiculture and Indigenous Affairs)
- Organisations: PIAC, UCA, National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA), Aboriginal and Islander Commission of the NCCA, New South Wales Ecumenical Conference, Tongan Congregation of the Uniting Church in Australia Canberra City, Manitoba First Nations, Reconciliation Committee for the Australian Capital Region (Reconciliation ACR), Yass [Catholic] Parish Council, UCA Parish of Yass, Yass Christian Revival Group, Yass [Anglican] Parish Council, CAR, NLA
- Locations of Sorry Day activities and reconciliation committees: Sydney, Dubbo, Castlemaine, Canberra. Port Hedland, Brisbane, Rockhampton, Redfern, Narrabeen, Coffs Harbour, Melbourne, Ballarat, Gold Coast, Hobart, Adelaide, Berri, Darwin, Yass, Berri

- Newsletters, pamphlets and publications:
 - 'Indigenous peoples and racism; Regional Meeting for the United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance' 2001
 - *PIAC Bulletin*, nos 12 December 2000 & 14 December 2001
 - Heather Wearne (2000), *A clash of cultures, Queensland Aboriginal Policy (1824-1980); An analysis of the Aborigines Act 1971-79, regulations of 1972 and by-laws*, Uniting Church in Australia
 - The Aboriginal and Islander Commission of the National Council of Churches in Australia (2001), *Continuing the journey... Report of the member churches' responses to the reconciliation process and Bringing Them Home*, Uniting Church in Australia
 - 'Elimatta', Newsletter of the Aboriginal Support Group – Manly Warringah Pittwater
 - HREOC (2001) *'moving forward; achieving reparations for the stolen generations' conference papers*, HREOC
 - Tobwabba Art 2001 calendar
- Clippings from *The Weekend Australian*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Canberra Times*, *The Australian Magazine*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*

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National Sorry Day Committee papers Feb-Jun 2002

[Documents dated up until September 2002 are included in this file.]

- Activities and subjects: committee correspondence, media releases, meeting notes and minutes, Reconciliation Place Canberra consultation, 'Rabbit Proof Fence' feature film, Journey of Healing 2002 planning, Aboriginal leaders in western NSW, Reconciliation Place Canberra opening speech transcript, NSD speech transcripts, Walgett Shire Councillors, National Reconciliation Week 2002: Walking the Talk, Submission to United Nations Working Group on Minorities Seventh Session, reparations for the Stolen Generations, poetry, notes on the history of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families, the Journey of Healing, Reconciliation Place
- Locations of Sorry Day activities and reconciliation committees: Walgett, Wilcannia, Menindee, Brewarrina, Reconciliation Place Canberra, Bourke, Lightning Ridge

- People: Michelle Buchanan, Gillian Brannigan, Deborah Sherrington, William Bates, Pat Bradbury, George Rose, Jenny Barker, Sam Jeffries, Hon John Howard MP (Prime Minister of Australia), Colin Markham MP (Member for Wollongong), Malcolm Fraser, Hon Simon Crean MP (Shadow Minister for Reconciliation, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs), Hon Dr Carmen Lawrence MP, Doris Pilkington Garimara, Robert Manne
- Organisations: Walgett Shire Reconciliation Group, Queensland Reconciliation Place Consultation Steering Committee, Link-Up (Qld) Aboriginal Corporation, Murdi Paaki Regional Council, HREOC, Muda Aboriginal Corporation, Northern Star Aboriginal Corporation, United Nations Working Group on Minorities
- Newsletters, pamphlets and publications: Yadamaka Indigenous Community Newsletter, Errinundra National Park Park Notes, Brewarrina Home of Australia's heritage, 'Tracks to Reconciliation' March 2002, 'Unfinished Business Conference'
- Clippings, photocopies and transcripts from: *Canberra Times*, *The Australian*, *The Koori Mail*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The West Australian*, *Australian Medicine* *The national news publication of the Australian Medical Association*

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National Sorry Day Committee papers 2002

- Activities and subjects: Reconciliation Place consultation and funding arrangements, Reconciliation Place 'Separation sliver' protest, implementing the *Bringing Home Report* recommendations, 'Rabbit Proof fence' screenings, committee correspondence, meeting notes and minutes, NSDC/Journey of Healing 2002 planning, media releases, Reparations for the Stolen Generations consultation project, Uniting Church Congregations actions to promote reconciliation, 'They're not home yet' seminar at Parliament House, Stolen Generation compensation litigation, Myall Creek Memorial Committee, newspaper obituary and tributes for Carol Kendall, 'Discovery or Invasion? A re-enactment' script and letter of endorsement.
- People: Jackie Huggins, Fred Chaney, Colin Markham MP (Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and Parliamentary Affairs), Hon Philip Ruddock MP (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs), Robert Manne, Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue, Valerie Linow
- Organisations: Reconciliation Australia, PIAC, South Australian Bringing Them Home Committee, NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.
- Newsletters: Menindee Central School News

- Clippings, photocopies and transcripts from: *Sun-Herald*, *Border Mail*, *Hobart Mercury*, *Courier Mail*, *Illawarra Mercury*, *Sunday Territorian*, *Townsville Bulletin*, *The West Australian*, *Launceston Examiner*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Daily Telegraph*

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Planning the Stolen Generations Memorial in Reconciliation Place

- Activities and subjects: Stolen Generations consultations, media releases, NSDC meeting minutes and notes, commemoration wording, incoming correspondence, Journey of Healing (ACT) Constitution, Reconciliation Place budget, NSDC Journey of Healing Seminar planning, NSDC national conference, PIAC 'Restoring Identity' conference, 'Purifying the Dead Place' article by Peter Read, 'Are we helping them home?' seminar, Valerie Linow's NSW Victims Compensation Tribunal payment, Implementation of the Bringing Them Home report, Reconciliation Place (Separation Sliver) Queensland Consultations report, Reconciliation Place opening ceremony
- People: Florence Kinsela (Religious Sister of Mercy), Roebourne Community, Peter Read, Valerie Linow, Hon Dr Sharman Stone, Hon Senator Eric Abetz, Hon Dr Carmen Lawrence MP, Gavan O'Connor MP, Sharon Jackson MP, Senator Penny Wong, Mark Latham MP, Hon Bruce Baird MP, Senator Kerry Nettle, Peter Buckskin, Elliot McAdam MLA, Brian Butler (ATSIC), Darren Dick, Kay Goodman-Dodd, Angela Swindle, Brenda L Croft, Deborah Evans, Barbara Lewincamp, Bob Huddleston, Caroline Highes, Jannette Phillips, Delephene Fraser, Rod Little, Kerry Lindgren, Ricki Dargavel, Sir William Deane, Malcolm Fraser
- Organisations: Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Journey of Healing (ACT), PIAC, Jarrah, Kinchela Boys Home
- Newsletters, pamphlets and publications:
 - 'The Stolen Generations; an account of the historical events leading to the recognition of the Stolen Generations in Australian History' compiled by Senator Trish Crossin,
 - 'restoring identity' summary report,
 - Reconciliation Place opening documents: 'Reconciliation Place Program of events', 'Reconciliation Place, A lasting symbol of our shared journey'

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Documents of the National Sorry Day Committee 2002-03

Part 1: Sep-Dec 2002

Part 2: Jan-Sep 2003

- Activities and subject: NSDC national conference 2003, Development of the National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health and Social and Emotional Well Being consultation, Reconciliation Place Separation Sliver wording, Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee submission, use of funds allocated through the Federal department of Health for counselling the Stolen Generations, ACT Indigenous health farm proposal, NSD 2003 planning, Malcolm Fraser's 2003 NSD speech draft, committee correspondence, meeting minutes and notes, ACT Journey of Healing events 2003, South Australia NSD events, Sorry Day and Journey of Healing documentary funding, anti-war fundraising activities, Inter-government working group for the purpose of coordinating and evaluating services and resources available to the Stolen Generations in Western Australia, media coverage for the Indigenous Family History Fair Lismore, 2002 Richard Dimbleby Lecture, 'What makes for a good apology' article, 'Are we helping them home?' seminar documents: media, welcome, Ministerial and closing speeches, attendees, running order
- People: Dr William Jonas, Senator Kay Patterson (Minister for Health and Ageing), Sir William Deane, Aaron Lazare, Senator Aden Ridgway, Hon Philip Ruddock (Minister for Indigenous Affairs), Rowan Atkinson (Archbishop of Canterbury), Michael G Peers (Archbishop and Primate of Canada)
- Organisations: Central Australian Stolen Generations and Families Corporation (CASG&FAC), People Concerned about War
- Newsletters, pamphlets, reports and publications:
 - *PIAC Bulletin* no 16 Dec 2002
 - CASG&FAC (2002), *Where is the \$63 million? Discussion paper; a paper developed by the Stolen Generations people of the Northern Territory to generate debate and provide directions for improved utilisation of Stolen Generations resources*
 - CASG&FAC [2002], *A New Direction; Developed by the Central Australian Stolen Generations and Families Aboriginal Corporation 9 (CASG&FAC) in consultation with the Stolen Generations of the Northern Territory*
 - Family History Unit (2003), *The Glue, Newsletter of the AIATSIS Family History Unit*, no 8 Spring/Summer 2002/03, AIATSIS

- [Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health] [2003], *Bringing Them Home Program Performance Report Summary*
- Peter O'Brien, (2002), *Are We Helping Them Home? Surveys of progress in the implementation of the Bringing Them Home recommendations; A paper prepared by Peter O'Brien with the assistance of John Bond for the National Sorry Day Committee, November 2002.*
- Social Health Reference Group [2003], 'Consultation with Stolen Generation Groups on the Consultation Paper: Development of the National Strategic Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health and social an Emotional Well Being', Department of Health and Ageing
- Clippings, photocopies and transcripts from: *The West Australian, Koori Mail, Northern Star*

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National Sorry Day Committee papers 2003

Jan-13 Jun

- 'Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee Reference: Progress towards national reconciliation' transcript of evidence proof, committee correspondence, meeting minutes and notes, Interfaith Forum meeting, NSD 2003 planning, 'Sorry-proof country?' documentary, National Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing, Marcia Langton's speech to Arnold Bloch Leibler, letters to the editor, Indigenous employment, Canadian reparations for abuse in residential schools, Aboriginal economic development, ATSIC, submission to Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee on the Australian Human Rights Commission Legislation Bill 2003, NSD speech and drafts, Commonwealth Grants Commission Report on Indigenous Funding, 'Achieving Fairness in Australia' Ken Myer Lecture by Hon Fred Chaney AO, proposed abolition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner position, Reconciliation Place wording, Canadian alternative dispute resolution
- People: Keith McEwan, Malcolm Fraser, Doris Pilkington, Jackie Huggins, Professor Fiona Stanley AC (Australian of the Year), Marcia Langton, Noel Pearson, Dr William Jonas, Dr Maggie Hodgson, Hon Philip Ruddock (Minister for Indigenous Affairs), Hon Carmen Lawrence MP (Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs), Senator Aden Ridgway, Dr William Jonas
- Organisations: Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee, Interfaith Forum, Reconciliation Australia, NLA,

Kimberley Stolen Generation Committee, Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan, Diocese of Keewatin Canada

- Locations of Sorry Day activities: Canberra, Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane, Rockhampton, Cairns, Weipa, Mackay, Sunshine Coast, Hobart, Melbourne, Ballarat, Perth, Alice Springs, Darwin
- Newsletters, pamphlets, posters and publications:
 - 'Reconciliation together we're doing it' poster
 - Anglican Communion News Service
 - Agenda for Reconciliation: Dialogues towards justice and reconciliation, Caux 1999
 - Journey of Healing, [2003] *Are we Helping Them Home? Surveys of progress in the implementation of the Bringing Them Home recommendations by November 2002; a paper by Dr Peter O'Brien with the assistance of John Bond for the National Sorry Day Committee; Responses by the Government and Opposition Main Committee Room, Parliament House, Canberra 13 November 2002*
 - Dr Maggie Hodgson, (n.d.) *Residential school; 'A shared journey' in redefining relationships*
- Clippings, photocopies and transcripts from: *The Australian*, *The Weekend Australian*

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National Sorry Day Committee papers Jul-Dec 2003

Part 1: Jul-Sep

Part 2: Oct-Dec

- Activities and subjects: NSDC National Conference 2003, Reconciliation Place-Sliver 7, committee correspondence, meeting notes and minutes, NSDC incorporation, Pitjantjatjara Church, incoming and outgoing correspondence, the experience of removal and the journey home, present day removal of Indigenous children, legality of child removal in WA between 1937-1960s, House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs address, Residential Schools in Canada
- People: John Henderson, Philip Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Reconciliation), Moira Rayner, Rev Dr Ann Wansbrough, Teya Dusseldorp, Paul Keating, Raymond Gaita, Lowitja O'Donoghue
- Organisations: Kinchela Boys Home, NCCA, ANTaR; CASG&FAC; Dusseldorp Skills Forum, Uniting Care NSW ACT

- Newsletters, pamphlets, posters and publications:
 - “Journey of Healing”, Official Program, Kinchela Boys Home, Sep 2002
 - Journey of Healing, [2003] *Are We Helping Them Home? Surveys of progress in the implementation of the Bringing Them Home recommendations by November 2002; a paper by Dr Peter O'Brien with the assistance of John Bond for the National Sorry Day Committee; Responses by the Government and Opposition Main Committee Room, Parliament House, Canberra 13 November 2002*
 - Social Health Section [2003] *Bringing Them Home Program Performance Report Summary*, Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
 - Nunkuwarrin Yunti of South Australia Inc (2003) *National Link-Up News*, ATSIC
 - Audit and Evaluation Services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services (2003) *Evaluation of the Link Up Program*, Australian Government
- Clippings from: *The Mercury, The Age, The Australian*
[Reference photocopies for some newspaper clippings included]

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National Sorry Day Committee papers 2004

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Part 1: Jan

Part 2: Feb-May

Part 3: Jun

- Activities and subjects: Committee correspondence, minutes and meeting notes, incoming correspondence, Stolen Generation Reparations Tribunal policy proposal, Journey of Healing 2004 planning, Journey of Healing ACT correspondence, A National Act of Recognition of our First Peoples planning, Canadian alternative dispute resolution, Reconciliation Place dedication ceremony, ‘A journey of healing’ education proposal, transfer of Link-Up Program to the Department of Health and Ageing, NSDC finances, Select Committee on the Administration of Indigenous Affairs Senate submission addressing the proposed administration of Indigenous programs and services by mainstream departments and agencies

- People: Senator Hon Amanda Vanstone (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs), Hon John Howard (Prime Minister of Australia), Judy Atkinson, Chris Edwards-Haines, Dr Peter Shergold, Senator Kerry O'Brien (Shadow Minister for Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs, Shadow Minister for Tourism, Regional Services and Territories), Rt Hon Malcolm Fraser
- Organisations: MCATSIA, NCCA, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, A National Act of Recognition, Reconciliation Australia, National Capital Authority, Retta Dixon Home Aboriginal Corporation, Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
- Locations of 2004 Journey of Healing activities: Sydney, Hornsby, Redfern, Mosman, Narrabeen, Wilcannia, Minto, Cootamundra, Ulladulla, Maclean, Tweed Heads, Melbourne, Ballarat and Bundooora, Brisbane, Darwin, Jabiru, Subiaco, Bruny Island, Hobart, Risdon Cove, Adelaide, Canberra
- Flyers and publications:
 - SuccessWorks (2003), *Evaluation of Responses to Bringing them Home Report; Final Report*, MCATSIA
 - Canberra Journey of Healing Network
 - Youth Coalition of the ACT
 - ATSIIC, (2004) *National Link-Up News* edition 4, 05.04
- Clippings from: *Financial Review*, *Canberra Times*, *Canberra Sunday Times*

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National Sorry Day Committee papers 2005

- Activities and subjects: Journey of Healing national tour planning, committee correspondence, minutes and meeting notes, National Day of Healing 2005 planning, Tent Embassy, *Beyond sorry* ABC documentary, National Day of Healing speeches, NSDC Annual Conference and AGM, Sorry Day consultation, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day
- People: Professor James Haire, Professor Fiona Stanley, Wayne Gibbons, Tim Costello (Chief Executive, World Vision Australia)
- Organisations: UCA National Assembly, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission, World Vision Australia
- Newsletters and publications:
 - 'Journey of Healing A National Day of Healing' x 2
 - *ACTCOSS Update*, Issue 31 January-March 2005

MS 5089 Reverend Dr John P Brown, National Sorry Day Committee papers

- *PIAC Bulletin* No 21 June 2005
- Journey of Healing ACT Annual Report 2005/2006
- Clippings, photocopies and transcripts from: *Koori Mail*, *CanWest News Service*

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National Apology and Sorry Day papers 2008

- 'Sorry Day Monday 26th May Memorial Service' order of service
- Clippings from: *The Canberra Times*, 13 and 14 Feb 2008
- Invitation to a Morning Tea on the occasion of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations, admission to the Speaker's Gallery House of Representatives, transcript of the Apology to the Stolen Generations
- Correspondence about the nature and content of the Apology

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Sundry documents/ reports from the National Sorry Day Committee including Sorry Day 2008

- *Koori Mail*, February 27 2008
- 'Celebration of the life of Ningali Audrey Cullen' order of service
- 'The message to the *timpilypa*' [from the 1999 Welcome Home ceremony at Uluru]
- 'The Channel – Church News', The Uniting Church in Australia, Eastern Mallee Cluster
- 'Sermon preached at Swan Hill Uniting Church 1 June 2003'

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